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U.S. Patent References:

No.	Issued	Inventor (s)	Title
3,147,506	9/8/64	Williams	Wiper Arm-to-Blade Connector Support
4,083,642	11/4/78	Journee	Device for Securing A Wiper Blade to an Arm

Foreign and Any Corresponding U.S. Patents/Publications:

Country	Publication Patent No.	Issue Date	Corresponding U.S.	Applicant
DE	199 24 662	11/230/2000	6,553,607	Robert Bosch GmbH
DE	101 00 847	7/11/2002	NONE	Volkswagen AG
DE	100 38 992	3/7/2002	None	Valeo Auto-Electric Washer
DE	199 24 662	11/30/2000		Robert Bosch GmbH
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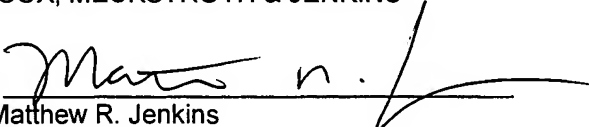
FR	27 05 074	11/18/1994	none	Paul Journee SA
FR	24 29 133	1/18/1980	4,300,259	Champion Spark Plug Company
GB	15 57 721	12/12/1979	None	Paul Journee S.A.
WO	0073113	12/7/2000	6,553,607	Robert Bosch GmbH

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